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**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No. 10

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement and acceptance of \$8,080,000 in funds from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); amend the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Parks and Recreation Department Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 to appropriate \$8,080,000 for construction of the Southern Walnut Creek Hike & Bike Trail project; and amend the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget of Ordinance No. 20060911-002 to appropriate \$8,080,000 from the Parks and Recreation Department Special Revenue Fund for the Southern Walnut Creek Hike & Bike Trail project.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$8,080,000 is available from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); funding for the City's required match in the amount of \$2,020,000 is available the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached

Additional Backup Material

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- ☐ **Fiscal Note**
- ☐ **Ordinance**

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2610.

In 2005, the United States Congress approved Highway and Mass Transit legislation that included earmarked funds for new trails in Austin. The Texas Department of Transportation is charged with distributing the funds. One of the approved projects, sponsored by Congressman Lloyd Doggett, will allow the City to build a 7.3 mile trail on Walnut Creek Greenbelt from Govalle Park to the new park on Johnny Morris Road in east Austin.

The 10' wide concrete trail will be suitable for recreation and commuting. The project includes the construction of bridges, trail heads, and other trail amenities. In the future, the Walnut Creek Hike and Bike Trail will be extended to form a 15 mile trail from the Colorado River to north Austin. Additional lateral branches of the trail system will connect to the Lance Armstrong Bikeway near Highway 183 and eastward to the proposed Austin-to-Manor Rail/Trail.

This budget amendment, in the amount of \$8,080,000, along with the required grant match in the amount of \$2,020,000 provides funding for the proposed work on the Southern Walnut Creek Hike and Bike Trail project.

CIP FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

10/5/2006
Ordinance
Parks and Recreation Department

Approve an ordinance authorizing execution of an advance funding agreement and acceptance of \$8,080,000 in funds from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); and amend the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Parks and Recreation Department Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 to appropriate \$8,080,000 for construction of the Southern Walnut Creek Hike & Bike Trail project; amend the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget of Ordinance No. 20060911-002 to appropriate \$8,080,000 from the Parks and Recreation Department Special Revenue Fund for the Southern Walnut Creek Hike & Bike Trail project.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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Project Name:	Southern Walnut Creek Hike & Bike Trail
Project Authorization:	2006-07 Capital Budget
Funding Source:	TxDOT
Number:	8740-867-New

Current Appropriation:	\$0
Amount of This Action:	<u>\$8,080,000</u>
Amended Appropriation:	\$8,080,000

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ADVANCED FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS; AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET SPECIAL REVENUE FUND OF ORDINANCE NO. 20060911-001 AND CAPITAL BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 20060911-002 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for construction of the Southern Walnut Creek Hike & Bike Trail project and acceptance of \$8,080,000 in funds from that agreement.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 to appropriate \$8,080,000 and to transfer that same amount to the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget.

PART 3. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget of Ordinance No. 20060911-002 to appropriate \$8,080,000 from the department's Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund for the Southern Walnut Creek Hike & Bike Trail project.

PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2006.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2006

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk